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SUBJECT: ASAD-HUSSEIN DISCUSSION

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. PLEASE THANK KING HUSSEIN FOR HIS ACCOUNT OF HIS VISIT TO DAMASCUS. THE PICTURE HE PRESENTS, WHICH ACCORDS GENERALLY WITH OUR OTHER INFORMATION, IS ONE OF GREAT COMPLEXITY AND SERIOUSNESS. IT WILL CLEARLY REQUIRE GREAT RESTRAINT ON ALL SIDES IF POLITICAL INITIATIVES NOW UNDERWAY ARE TO BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED.

2. WITH RESPECT TO IDEA OF JORDANIAN-SYRIAN GUARANTEE FORCE, ABOUT WHICH HIS MAJESTY REQUESTED OUR VIEWS, I CAN ONLY SAY AT THIS POINT THAT INTERVENTION OF FOREIGN FORCES HAS HIGH EXPLOSIVE POTENTIAL AND WOULD LEAD TO ISRAELI INTERVENTION. WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, SPEAK FOR ISRAELIS NOR PREDICT THEIR REACTION, BUT, AS I NOTED TO HIS MAJESTY PRIOR TO HIS DAMASCUS VISIT, IT IS OBVIOUSLY A MATTER OF GREAT SENSITIVITY FOR ISRAEL. WE ARE, OF COURSE, CONTINUING TO CAUTION ISRAELIS THEMSELVES AGAINST

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3. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CONTACT WITH HIS MAJESTY ON
LEBANESE QUESTION. I ALWAYS VALUE HIS THOUGHTS AND IMPRES-
SIONS.
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